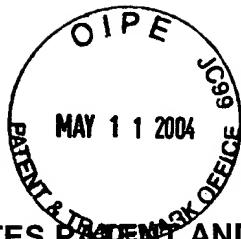


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Official Action mailed December 23, 2003, (Paper No. 2), Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the specification and claims in view of the following amendments thereto, and the comments set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 9 of this paper